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NO. 17.

PENSACOLA has a Depth of 33 Feet of Water in the Channel at the Entrance of the Harbor.

FORTIETH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF

The Equitable LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

Of the United States,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899.

ASSETS.	
Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$ 36,954,231.92
Real Estate, including the Equitable Building and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages.....	24,911,870.61
United States, State, City and Railroad Bonds, and other investments, as per market quotations Dec. 31, 1899, in the value over cost, \$13,717,215.45.....	159,969,092.00
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks.....	17,134,800.00
Policy Loans.....	2,671,489.17
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure and office buildings.....	13,717,356.50
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest.....	18,271,871.74
Balances due from agents.....	643,128.99
Interest and Rents due (\$100,774.22) and accrued (\$494,121.65).....	594,895.87
Premiums due and in process of collection.....	3,005,246.00
Deferred Premiums.....	2,274,334.00
Total Assets.....	\$280,191,286.80

We hereby certify that, after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in the foregoing statement for the year 1899, we find the same to be true and correct as stated. The stocks and bonds in the above statements are valued at the market price December 31, 1899.

Francis W. Jackson, Auditor.
Alfred W. Maine, 2nd Auditor.

LIABILITIES.

Assurance Fund (or Reserve) on all existing policies by Society's valuation (Computation by N. Y. Insurance Department \$216,225,257. See Superintendent's certificate).....	\$ 216,384,975.00
All other Liabilities.....	2,688,834.03
Total Liabilities.....	\$219,073,809.03
Surplus.....	\$ 61,117,477.77

In the foregoing Statement the rate of interest assumed for the future in computing the reserve on each class of policies corresponds with the rate which was employed in computing the premiums on the same, as stated in the Superintendent's certificate above. If, in computing the Reserve on all outstanding policies, it should be assumed that only 3% will be realized in the future, the surplus Assets, after deducting all liabilities, would be \$33,068,704.

The Society holds a larger amount of assets in excess of total liabilities than any other life insurance company in the United States or European countries.

All interest actually realized in excess of the rates assumed, will be added to surplus for the benefit of the policyholders.

An appropriation of profit will be made as usual to policyholders during the year 1900 in the manner specified in their respective policies.

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement.

J. G. Van Cise, Actuary. R. G. Hann, Assistant Actuary.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Every hotel, boarding house and family in Pensacola is requested to aid in accommodating the great number of visitors who will come to Pensacola for the Mardi Gras festivities. Notify E. Forster at the Boston Shoe Store at 109 South Palafox street, for many who can accommodate and rates per day. 17131

McLinton's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, I contracted a bad cold which spread on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient stage. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I did not. I became alarmed and calling the local doctor a trial was made of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was a complete improvement, and after using three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state. I am, Wm. Wyatt, III. For sale by Knowles Bros 21 S. Palafox street.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL.

There will be a meeting of the democratic executive committee of Escambia county at 7 P. M., Thursday, February 22, 1900, at the court house in the office of Judge T. R. McCall, for the purpose of considering the calling of a primary election, and for the dispatch of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Hot Lunch on Mardi Gras.

Ladies of St. Michael's parish will serve hot lunch on Mardi Gras day in Mr. J. N. Andrews' store on Palafox street. Reasonable prices will prevail. Parties promising donations are requested to have the latter sent in by Saturday next. 21741

The Escombi Furniture Co.

Has Just Received a Large Invoice of the Famous Bug-Proof

Palm-ito Mattresses.

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Volcanic Eruptions.

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Feltos, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Bad Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by W. A. D'Alamberto.

Hot Chocolate, 10c. at W. T. Green & Co.'s, 37 South Palafox

Tax Payer, Take Notice.

March 1st interest on your City Taxes will be One and One-Half Per Cent.
N. McK. OERTING,
City Tax Collector.

A TERRIFIC AND BLOODY BATTLE

The Forces of Roberts and Cronje Clash.

Battle Began Sunday and Was Still in Progress Yesterday—Losses Very Heavy on Both Sides—Cronje Strongly Barred and his Forces are Defiant.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—One of the bloodiest and most costly battles of the South African war began Sunday in the vicinity of Paardeberg drift.

Gen. Kelly-Kenny, while in pursuit of Gen. Cronje's forces, caught the rear guard of the Boer army at Klipdrift and followed the burghers to the Boer laager, at Koodoosrand drift, where the action began at daybreak.

The British mounted infantry drove the Boer rear guard up the river toward the main body of Cronje's army, while another body of mounted infantry maneuvered on the right front and flank of the Boers.

The British main body advanced to outflank the Boers' laager on the north bank of the river.

Gen. Kelly-Kenny having seized two drifts, found the Boers strongly entrenched and ordered an attack, with the Highland brigade on the left and Knox's brigade on the center and right.

Gen. Smith Dorrien's brigade crossed the river and advanced along the north bank.

The ground was level on both the north and south banks and the advance along the open plain was a deadly one, the Boer guns mowing down the British as they advanced and inflicting terrible losses in dead and wounded.

The battle was an exacting one. The soldiers were under fire all day long and all the fighting was without definite result, as the laager was well entrenched and the Boers remained therein. The British shelled the laager vigorously and the Boers confessed that they lost over 800 men.

Terrific shelling was resumed Monday and Gen. Cronje asked for an armistice to care for his wounded.

Tuesday the shelling was resumed and over fifty guns poured lead into Boer camp.

Wednesday fifty prisoners were captured from a Boer kopje, but Gen. Cronje still holds the position. Commandant Botha has been attempting to relieve Cronje, but his losses have been heavy and his command is scattered.

A dispatch from Sterkfontein says Boers report that Gen. Joubert's nerves are unstrung and that he is no longer chief in command of the Boer army.

A dispatch received at the war office from Lord Roberts states that the Boers have been driven off in all directions, leaving many killed and wounded.

HAY FILES PROTEST

Against British Seizure of the Sabine.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Ambassador Choate has received a dispatch from Secretary Hay protesting against the seizure of the Sabine, bound from New York for British ports in South Africa.

Secretary Hay characterizes the seizure as unnecessary and says the British could have effectually prevented the transference of contraband of war to the Boers after the cargo of the Sabine had been landed.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

National Convention Will Probably Be Held June 6.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The city is crowded with democrats today. Most of the committeemen and democrats generally talk as if the silver issue will be kept to the front. They believe that William Jennings Bryan is stronger than he was last campaign.

The names most prominently mentioned for the vice presidency are Caldwell of Arkansas, McLean of Ohio, Williams of Massachusetts and Sulzer of New York.

Representatives of Milwaukee and Kansas City both claim that their city will be chosen as the place for holding the convention.

June 6th will probably be the date.

Dewey Day.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Weather interfered with the Dewey celebration, but thousands of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio people are crowding the streets and the celebration was after all a great success.

Storm in Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Four houses in course of construction on Fifth avenue were blown down this morning in a heavy gale, which blew at 60 miles an hour.

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ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

RICH TEXAS GOLD FIELDS

New Finds in Chispa Mountains Causes Excitement.

Prospectors are Rushing to the Locality and Three Hundred Claims Have Already Been Located—Rivals in Richness and Extent the New Alamedan Fields.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 22.—New discoveries of gold of wonderful richness have been made in the Chispa mountains in Brewster county and there is great excitement among all classes.

Mining Expert Russell says the ore rivals in richness and extent that of the New Alamedan fields of California.

Prospectors are rushing to the locality and over three hundred claims have already been located.

THE KENTUCKY MUDDLE.

Gubernatorial Contest to be Settled on Legal Basis.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 22.—The signing of the protocol yesterday by the attorneys of Govs. Taylor and Beckham has brought the gubernatorial contest to a point where it will be fought out on a legal basis. Under the agreement Judge Field of the Jefferson county circuit court will try the injunction suit and the case will at once be sent to the state court of appeals, the decision of which is to be final.

Washington's Birthday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday is being observed as a strict holiday, banks, exchanges and business houses being closed and flags flying everywhere. The weather is very unfavorable. Advice from all parts of the country show that the memory of Washington is being universally honored.

In The Philippines.

MANILA, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday is being quietly celebrated here. The American flags that were presented to the children were raised at the school houses and the children sang patriotic songs. The marines of the cruiser Baltimore were given a holiday. There will be evening exercises at the Soldier's institute.

Catholic Pilgrims Blessed.

ROME, Feb. 22.—The Pope visited St. Peter's at noon today for the purpose of blessing several groups of pilgrims. He was enthusiastically received by 16,000 pilgrims.

Fifth Division Crosses Tugela.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—4:27 p. m.—The war office has received the following from General Buller: "Chieveley Camp, Feb. 21.—The Fifth division crossed the Tugela today by pontoon and drove back the enemy's rear guard, our naval 12 pounder silencing all of the enemy's guns."

Ex-Congressman Dead.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 21.—Ex-Congressman Charles C. Comstock died at his residence here last night of pneumonia, aged 82 years. He was one of the pioneer manufacturers of Grand Rapids and had amassed a large fortune.

Big Pittsburg Fire.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 21.—The New Method laundry of Federal street, this city, was destroyed by fire today. The loss was about \$100,000 and fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

No Right to Ugliness.

The women who are lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney troubles, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions, and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at W. A. D'Alamberto.

A Union, Torch Bearers.

There will be a meeting at Clutter's Music Hall to-night at 7:30. By order of HENRY WHITE, Manager.

LADYSMITH NOT YET RELIEVED

Boers are Again Hotly Bombarding the Town.

Though it is Said That They are Fleeing and the Shelling of Ladysmith is to Prevent White From Helping Buller, who is Still Advancing.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Boers are again bombarding Ladysmith from Bulwana hill and Blaauwbank is pouring shot and shell into the city. This news surprises London, as it was supposed that the Boers had dismounted their guns and that the relief of the town was assured.

It is generally believed, however, that the reports that the Boers are feeling from Natal are true, and that the shelling of Ladysmith is to prevent Gen. Buller from helping Gen. Buller and to cover the retreat of the Boer forces.

Gen. Buller's forces are drawing constantly nearer and his advance is watched from the town. The supposition is that the Boer forces in the vicinity of Ladysmith are rushing to reinforce Gen. Cronje, who is fighting Lord Roberts' forces desperately on the road to Bloemfontein.

Western Waterways Appropriation.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 21.—The committee of Memphis appointed to go to Washington in the interest of an appropriation for the improvement of western waterways will leave here Saturday, March 3. The committee is composed of the following: Mayor J. J. Williams, chairman; Mayor Skene, secretary; Judge J. T. Latham, John Overton, Jr., A. S. Caldwell and W. J. Crawford. The original intention was to go to Washington, leaving here in March, but because of recent advice from congressional representatives to the effect that unless quick action is taken on rivers and harbors appropriation bill will be presented at this session, it was determined the wisest policy to get to the capital at the earliest possible moment.

Union Boycott Sustained.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 21.—Judge Stover, in the circuit court, has declared that labor unions had the legal right to put in force a peaceful boycott against employers of nonunion labor and had a legal right to try by peaceful and fair persuasive means to induce customers of a boycotted person or firm to quit that person or firm and patronize employers of union workers. The decision was made in the suit of J. B. Black, a veterinary, who asked \$20,000 damages against members of the Master Horse Shoers' Protective association of Kansas City and the Journeymen's Horse Shoers' union No. 19 for boycotting his nonunion horseshoeing shop. The jury, under instruction from the court, returned a verdict for the defendants.

Cadet Practice at Dahlgren.

DAHLGREN, Ga., Feb. 21.—The work in the military department of the North Georgia Agricultural college at this season presents an interesting feature. The cadets have been divided into signal, helicopter and artillery squads and routine drill largely gives place to signaling with flag and helicopter and to artillery practice. An attractive bit of work by the artillery squads is the dismounting and mounting of the large 3 inch field pieces weighing over 800 pounds, which they learn with practice to accomplish in 30 seconds. A liberal supply of ammunition for target practice has just been received from the government department and this interesting work will begin in a few weeks.

Dewey on the Canal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Regarding the contention that the United States should not build the Nicaragua canal without erecting expensive fortifications, Admiral Dewey, in Washington, last night said: "Fortifications? Why of course not. As I understand the canal is to be and should be a neutralized commercial pathway between the two great oceans. To fortify it would simply result in making it a battle ground in case of war. Fortifications would be enormously expensive and ought not to be erected. Our fleet will be a sufficient guarantee of the neutrality and safety of the canal in time of war as well as in peace."

Canadians Killed and Wounded.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—A special cable to The Globe says the first Canadian contingent was engaged at Mobier river all day Sunday and that 18 men of the regiment were killed and 63 wounded. Among the wounded was Captain Mason of Toronto. The Canadians forced the Mobier river after an all night's march.

Try THE NEWS' Want Column.